

A letter was read from Dr. Thomas S. Savage, dated Middletown, Conn., August 11th, 1847, in reference to the collection of objects of Natural History received from him, and announced at last meeting; also informing the Society of his intention to communicate some facts relative to the habits of some of the animals sent.

Dr. Leidy read a paper intended for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Description and Anatomy of a new and curious subgenus of Planaria," which was referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Haldeman, Dr. Pickering and Dr. Griffith.

Mr. Gambel presented a revised copy of his "Remarks on the Birds of California," intended for publication in the Journal. Referred to Messrs. Cassin, Townsend and Woodhouse.

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*Stated Meeting, Aug. 24, 1847.*

DR. GRIFFITH in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Twenty-three mineralogical and geological specimens from Lake Superior: and a specimen of a new species of Coluber from the same. Presented by Mr. Moss.

Mr. Robert Kilvington presented 1035 specimens, comprised in 345 species, of British Lepidoptera, viz: of Diurna 57 species, Crepuscularia 18 species, Pomeridiana 39 species. Nocturna 124 species, Semidiurna 107 species.

Eggs of forty-eight species of European Birds, and of thirteen American species; an Asterias; thirty-five species of American Lepidoptera, and a number of foreign Coleoptera, and 4 species of Crustacea. From Dr. T. B. Wilson.

A prepared specimen of Squatina Dumerili, taken in Delaware Bay. Presented by Messrs. Wilson, Cassin, and Leidy.

## DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

- Description of a new species of Salamander. By Lewis R. Gibbes, of Charleston, S. C. (From the Boston Journal of Nat. Hist., Vol. 5. No. 1.) From the author.
- Twelfth, 13th, and 14th Memoirs with reference to the law of Storms in India. By Henry Piddington. From the author.
- Commentary on the Hindu System of Medicine. By T. A. Wise, M. D. 8vo. Calcutta, 1845. From H. Piddington, Esq.
- Iconographie Ornithologique: publié par O. Des Murs. Livs. 1—8. 4to. Presented by Mr. Edward Wilson, of Wales.
- Manuscript Geological Chart (coloured,) of the Silurian rock formations of North America. By Richard C. Taylor, F. G. S. From Mr. Taylor.

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Dr. Leidy read a paper accompanied by drawings, of two new species of Planaria, which was referred to the following Committee: Dr. Griffith, Mr. Haldeman, and Dr. Pickering.

Dr. Leidy, stated in referenee to the specimen of *Squatina Dumerili*, presented this evening, that it was a rare species. A description of it was first given by Mr. Leseuer in Vol. 1 of the Journal of this Society. His description is taken from three specimens, all males, each of which had six or seven distinct rows of teeth, 25 teeth in each row. The specimen on the table is a female, is four feet long, and has ten distinct rows of teeth, counting from before backwards, and five teeth in each row, in the lower jaw; and nine rows with the same number in each row, in the upper jaw. The intestinal canal is very simple, and has but one convolution in its eourse. The oesophagus is capacious and undefined from the stomach: both are strongly muscular.